

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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9-15,17,18

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-8,16,19-21

A vehicle comprising a fixed strengthening member.

1.1. claim: 19

A road vehicle.

1.2. claim: 20

A strengthening member.

1.3. claim: 21

A strengthening structure.

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2. claims: 9-15,17

A vehicle comprising a strengthening member which is movable from a stored position to an operating position as well as means to move the strengthening member.

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3. claim: 18

A strengthening member characterised by its construction.

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